

• SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/988,669
Attorney Docket No. Q66491

REMARKS

• This Amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated January 28,
2004.

Claims 1-22 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 12-18 have been objected to, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. See August 12, 2003 Office Action at page 7.

• Claims 12, 15, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form and should therefore be allowed.

• Additionally, claims 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, and 20 have been amended to depend from independent claim 12. Claims 2, 3, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 22 have been amended to depend from independent claim 15 and claim 10 now depends from independent claim 18.

This should now put the application in a condition for allowance.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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